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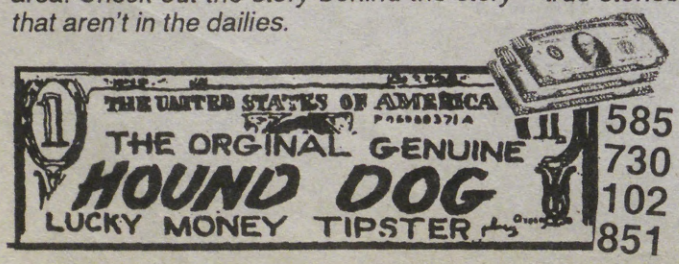

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

TALIB ABDUL-AZIZ, owner of the new International House of Pancakes at 109 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey, located directly across the street from University Hospital.

The sparkling new white and blue restaurant is one of 30 statewide. Newark Mayor Sharpe James was present to kick off the fun at the February 8th grand opening that saw an after of fun, prizes and gifts. The activities continued on to Saturday February from 1-4 p.m. with a drawings for TV's, drawings for Bicycles, 98.7 Kiss-FM Van, Gifts from 98.7 KISS-FM, a clown, face painting Balloons and much more. They're open 7 Days from 6 AM to 12 Midnight and will begin a 24-hour operation in March.

TALIB ABDUL-AZIZ, one of four IHOP minority owners in the Northeast region is always around making sure the customers are happy and the employees maintain the high standards he has set for his establishment. The IHOP franchise is the city's first-ever and already has surpassed many older established franchises in the area. In just a few months his restaurant is fifth in sales out of 114 IHOP franchises in the region.

MAYOR SHARPE JAMES said that plans for the IHOP franchise had been in the making for more than three years, but they encountered some roadblocks. He recalled how city officials met stiff opposition when they tried to persuade IHOP and other national food chains to open restaurants in Newark years ago. After the city conducted an intensive site study that detailed a drop in crime in the area, traffic demographics and other key factors, IHOP reversed course, seeing the site as a prime location that could thrive commercially.

IHOP was also impressed for Abdul-Aziz's entrepreneurial skills, enthusiasm and drive. James credits his commitment to the IHOP and its employees as a desire to see his business succeed as part of a public/private partnership that is pumping new life into a city neighborhood. The community appreciates this improvement.

Farewell Tribute To A Friend: Bernice Bass

The following article appeared in The Star Ledger on Friday, January 21, 2000

By Barbara Kukla
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

Ms. Barbara Kukla is the Editor of the featured Newark Section in the Star Ledger. She is a noted author ("Swing City") who's book explores Newark's music history.

Bernice Bass never sang a note, yet she became one of the nation's "most influential names in gospel music, hosting a popular radio show and organizing a singing group that produced several top gospel artists.

"Everyone who was anyone in gospel in Newark came through Bernice," said the Rev. Lawrence Roberts, the retired pastor of First Baptist Church of Nutley. "But her influence extended way beyond the city."

Miss Bass, a feisty, no-nonsense longtime Newark resident who was the long-time host of "News and Views," a music and community news program on WNJR radio until the station was sold a decade ago, was found dead by police earlier this week in her South Ward home. Although she closely guarded her age, friends said she was in her early 70s and had been in failing health for several years.

Miss Bass was born in Belleville, one of two children of a minister and a beautician, and lived in Newark for most of her life. Until her retirement in 1983, she worked as director of the Administrative Division of the U.S. Customs Service for the Newark Area Region II. But she was best known for promoting gospel music on radio shows she hosted and as a gospel music historian who knew every major or name in the genre, including the Rev. James Cleveland and the legendary Mahalia Jackson, who was "like a sister" to her, Roberts said.

The minister, now in his 60s, was just a teenager when he joined the Youth Cavalcade, a group of young gospel singers organized by Miss Bass who sang at area churches and on WHBI radio in Newark. "Gospel names like Charles Watkins, Robert Banks, Connie Pitts, Leon Lumpkins, Danny Rhodes and James Howard were all part of the group," he said.

Howard – now the Rev. James Howard, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of Christ of Newark – recalled Miss Bass as "a self-made, exceptional personality, who was extremely candid and would challenge you on any point. Even though she could be very caustic, she was my dear friend. I liked her spunk and honesty," he said. "If you tangled with Bernice, you'd better do your homework."

Albert Lewis, founder of the Newark-based World Gospel Music Association, told how Miss Bass repeatedly urged him to "remember the pioneers of gospel music" on television shows he hosts. She was my consultant because she was responsible for making gospel what it is today in Newark," Lewis said.

Gospel singer Carrie Smith, who starred on Broadway in "Black and Blue," also was in Miss Bass' inner circle. "We met years ago at Abyssinian Baptist Church, and she remained a good friend over the years," said Smith.

Friends said Miss Bass became increasingly reclusive after the death of her only son in 1982. On occasion, when she ventured out, it was to Smith's East Orange apartment for a holiday dinner.

Despite her seclusion in the Newark home on Keer Avenue that she shared with her mother until her mother's death in 1996, Miss Bass stayed linked to the Newark community via telephone.

"Often, she'd call in the wee hours, and stay on the phone all night," said Roberts. "She was full of ideas and suggestions – things she thought people should do."

Longtime Newark community activist Louise Epperson also was on the receiving end of nightly phone calls from Miss Bass.

"We'd talk about everything," said Epperson. "Lots of times it was about Newark politics, generally something that had set Bernice off."

Miss Bass' penchant for politics made her "News and Views" show, a mix of gospel music, community announcements and political chatter, one of WNJR's most popular.

Over the years, she interviewed just about everyone in the forefront of the civil rights movement, including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. As noted in books about Malcolm's life, she was the last news reporter to interview him – just days before his 1965 assassination at New York's Audubon Ballroom.

"If you had something to say, you could go down to the station and Bernice would let you say a few words," Epperson said. "If a controversial issue arose, she'd take a tough stand and lace out the culprits."

"She was almost prophetic, a spokesperson for municipal righteousness, not in the church sense but in the vein that people ought to stand for what they believe in," said Howard.

While Mayor Sharpe James took his share of criticism from Miss Bass, he considered her "truly admired by both her beloved friends and strangers as an outspoken and diligent community organizer, activist and radio personality.

"She was the conscience of Newark and her wit and biting criticism of local and national public officials knew no bounds," James said. "No one was immune, not even Sharpe James! She challenged all of us to live up to our oaths of office, and I loved her for it."

Miss Bass leaves no immediate survivors.

The Executive Board of the County Officers Association of New Jersey (CONJ), honored Larrie W. Stalks at their 23rd Annual Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City recently. The Special Ceremony was held to induct the nominees of the First Class of Honorary COANNJ Members. The COUNTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY consists of Sheriffs, Clerks, Surrogates and Registers

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Movie and television actor, JOHN AMOS, stopped by JE's RESTAURANT in Newark recently to enjoy some "soul of the south heart of the city" food. He also took time to have a photo op with proprietor Harry Sutton.

AN OPEN LETTER...

RE: Mr. Teal's recent letter to *The Black Mirror News* alleging 'racial profiling' in a traffic dispute.

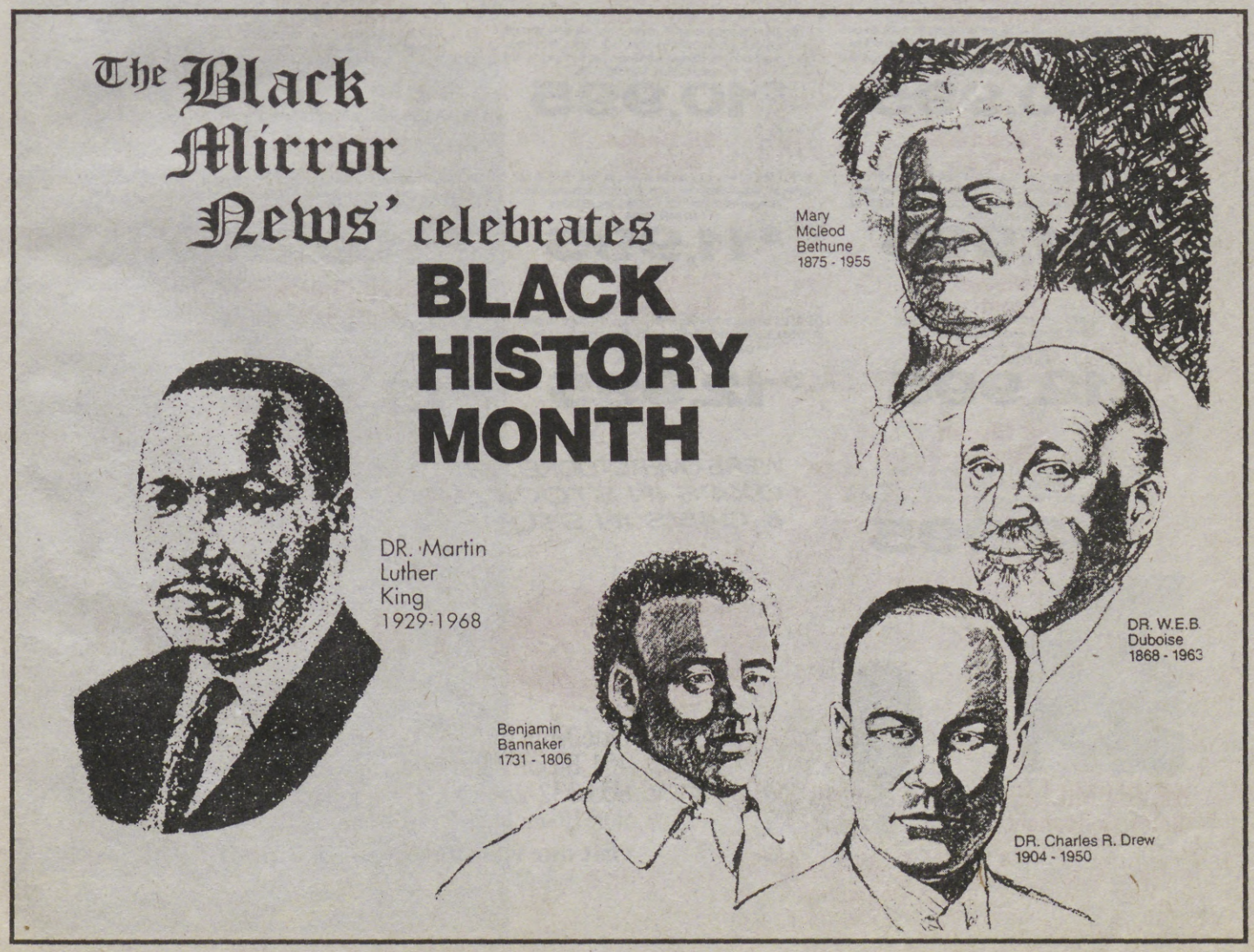
Dear Mr. Teal:

An examination of the traffic ticket you enclosed with your letter, indicates that the police officer who issued the traffic summons was aided by a radar gun. It is my belief that your only recourse is to challenge whether or not the officer properly calibrated his radar gun before starting out on his patrol duty on October 24, 1999.

As for the issue of racial profiling, given the facts contained in your letter, it is my opinion that you will have a difficult time proving the charge.

Sincerely yours,

CARL BRINSON
Editor



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Jon Corzine with his campaign manager, Christy Davis, Esq. Ms. Davis is the first African-American woman to serve as campaign manager for a U.S. Senate candidate in New Jersey. Ms. Davis is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and served as State Director for Sen. Frank Lautenberg, as well as former Chief of Staff for the late Sen. Wynona Lipman.

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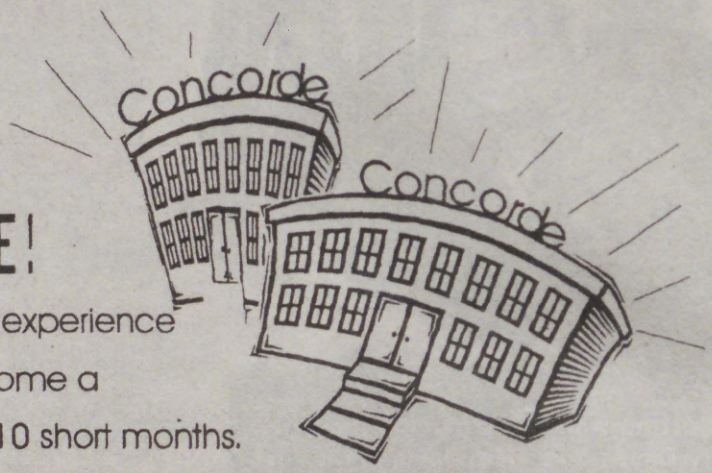

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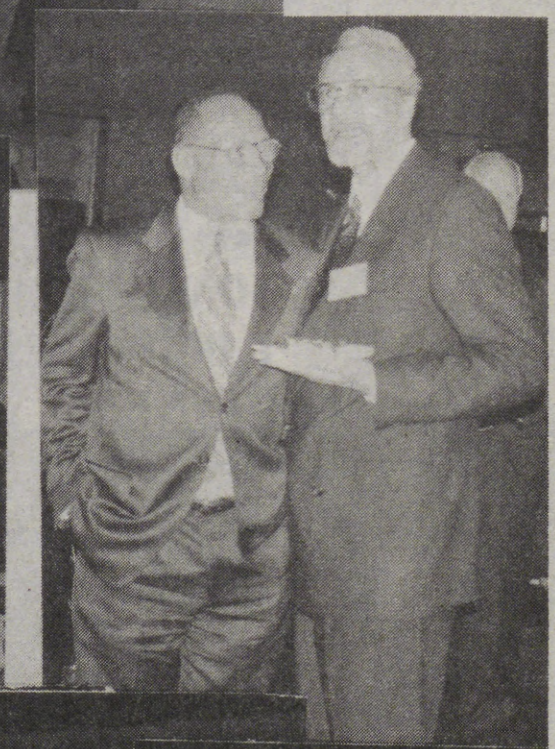

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Ernie enjoyed a steller career in journalism. He served as managing editor of the New York Amsterdam News from 1977 to 1981, a reporter at the New York Post from 1968 to 1972, and a freelance copy editor and columnist at the Jersey Journal in Jersey City from 1972 through 1977. He retired from the Nationl Urban League as a communications specialist in 1995. Ernie was also the director of public relations for the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick from 1996 to 1998.

GEORGE W. HOPKINS
sales rep
Mr. Hopkins was a sales representative t P. Ballantine & Sons for 19 years before retiring in 1982. He had also worked the the City of Orange Water Dept and Somes Uniforms in the postal division in Paramus.

WILLIAM L. WIMBERLY, 61
headed Newark Y
William "Bill" Wimberly, a civic leder and past president of the Newark YM-YWCA received national recognition for his efforts to promote black achievement.

JOHN 'PREACHER' WELLS JR.
entertainment manager
Mr. Wells managed the career of jazz legend, Sarah Vaughn, for 12 years. He also worked with many other entertainment greats such as comedian Bill Cosby and singer Gladys Knight. Earlier, he was co-owner of the Branford Record Shop, Newark, and Otis Men's Shop, East Or

GEORGE ALFORD, 75
detective in Newark
He was employed by the Newark Police Department for more than 30 years before retiring in 1982 as a detective.Mr. Alford was a member of Frontiers International, Newark, where he served as sergeant at arms for 20 years, a member of Police Benevolent Assoc., the Bronze Shield Batons Inc. and a member of the advisory board of the West Side United Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Newark.

BEATRICE E. THOMAS, 56
Essex detective
A life member of the National Black Police Assoc., Mrs. Thomas also was a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, the North East Region of the National Blcck Police Assoc., the National Organization of Black Women in Law Enforcement and Police Benevolent Association Local 183. She was the second vice president of the Batons, Inc.

JIM VARNEY, 50
Comic
Jim Varney, the rubbernecked comic portrayed his rube character Ernest in hundreds of television commercials and a series of movies. He became a cult figure in the 80s in a series of regional commecials, portraying Ernest P. Worrell, a know-it-all good ol' boy who best-known phrase was "Know-what-I-mean?" and who addressed a character known as Vern.

GEORGE JACKSON, 42
Filmmaker
Former Motown chief and movie producer Jackson died of a stroke. He produced such hit films as "Jason's Lyric," "New Jack City." and House Party 2." Jackson also helped recapture the talent and popularity Motown had lost as urban tastes evolved away from the label's traditional R&B sound in the 90s.

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Shake up at Essence

SUSAN TAYLOR, Essence editor

Susan Taylor is ending her reign as Essence magazine's editor in chief after 19 years.

Essence sources said that Taylor will assume a new role – to work more closely with Essence Communications chief Edward Lewis and president Clarence Smith.

Taylor will likely be succeeded by executive editor Monique Greenwood at the 1.1 million-circulation monthly.

Susan Taylor is a best-selling author ("Lessons in Living" – and a guiding force behind the annual Essence Awards and Essence Music Festival.

Essence is said to be in negotiations with time Inc. about partnering on the purchase of music magazines, Spin, Vibe and Blaze from Miller Publishing. "If they're buying the music magazines," an associate said, Taylor "will be an asset to the entertainment division. But she, Ed and Clarence are a strong triumvirate in general."

The recent December "Millennial Issue" broke Essence's advertising records, but it has endured the industry's traditional ad slump for its January and February issues. Unlike most other women's magazines, though, its newsstand sales are on a slight upswing.

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Pattie LaBelle headed for splitsville

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Book Review Corner

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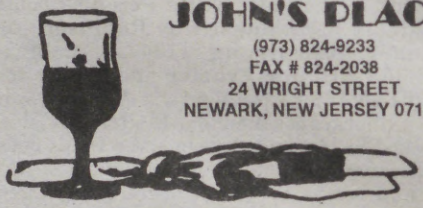

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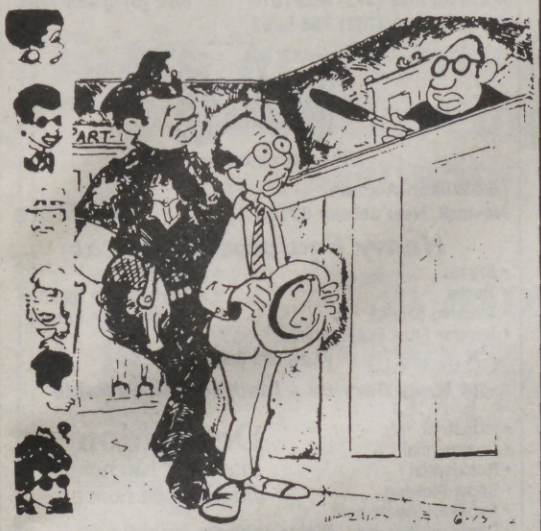

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THE SHADOW KNOWS...

In my last column, I told you about the married brother who is keeping two wives and families. Well the Shadow has since learned that very soon, his wife will find out about the other woman and the S...t will hit the fan, big time... He thinks he's cool, but the Shadow knows that one of his best friends told on him, now he is waiting for the guys wife to put him in the hospital or the cemetery, so he can move into a ready made family... *The Shadow* gets very uptight when he sees some of the young brothers, standing on the corner with their pants down to their knees, trying to look like rap stars... selling drugs and trying to see how tacky they can look, and if you think, no school is cool, wait ten years, look in the mirror and see a big fool... *The Shadow knows.* I want to speak to that sister who lives on So. Munn Ave. in East Orange, near Main St. You think you are so fine with your long red fingernails and your extra, extra long hair. You got more extensions than A.T.&T. and thanks to you and your other sisters, all of the women in Korea are now bald headed, cause they sold their hair. If God had wanted you to have hair down your back, he would have made you an qpe... (Get real)... One thing that is really bothering The *Shadow* is how these young brothers can drive around in these 80 thousand dollar luxury automobiles and don't own a Social Security card. Don't know how to spell the word work? One case in point is the brother in Orange on Lincoln Ave. who is a jewelry wearing, Moet drinking, fur coat having, no personality, Beemer driving idiot who thinks he won't ever get caught. His ride is a '96 and so is his I.Q. He gave up school for the fast street life and he's living high, getting high and flying high. But wait till he crashes. Then you will get a chance to see who your real friends are when you try to make bail... Speaking of cars, *The Shadow's car* was almost carjacked last week on Springfield Ave. near Bergen in Newark. A nice gentleman stuck a 9mm in my window at the light and told me to get out. I told him O.K. and asked him to hold this for me for a minute. It was a hand grenade that I keep by the seat with the pin halfway out. The fool held it for a second. He thought it was my wallet. He looked like Road Runner going down Bergen Street and I swear I heard him hollering meep, meep as he was running... Well *The Shadow* has to run now. I'm heading up the new club in Orange where all of the fly guys and girls hang out. They tell me there are so many fights and rumbles there. The police are thinking about opening a precinct inside of the club. That way they won't have to run down there every fifteen minutes to break up a fight or keep traffic moving. So until I see you next time, check yourself and be cool 'cause *The Shadow* is watching your every move and he will talk about you ...

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Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

EAST ORANGE — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."

Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Regina Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal prof police. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free r

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police scrutiny and humiliation. The incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett (proven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie), recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Executive Director Zoraya Le lin, were stopped in th Mercedes by a Hazlet po just because the windo tinted. He produced an lished law forbidding stops for window tint, before the police had hu and inconvenienced the Hamlin and his wife were quite upset, he definitely ruined our ev

He seemed emotion when he added, "My s year-old Raymond Jr. the back seat, and he a "What's wrong, Daddy wrong?"

"The tint on my very slight, and you can see inside the car," he said. Hamlin showed the car to reporters outside the press conference at the law office of Ronald Thompson on Harrison Street.

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